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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR NEPAL

Note by the Administrator

1. The fourth country programme for Nepal was scheduled to conclude in December 1990 with the fifth country programme commencing in January 1991. However, following a national movement to introduce a democratic policy, an interim Government was installed in April 1990 to manage the transition to a full-fledged democracy, including the preparation and promulgation of a new constitution and the holding of elections in 1991. Consequently, the preparation of the Government's eighth five-year plan, with which the fifth country programme is meant to coincide, has been postponed until the newly elected Government takes office. In view of the need to reflect fully the objectives, strategies and priorities of the new Government in the fifth country programme, the Government has requested that the fourth country programme be extended by one year, in accordance with Governing Council decision 81/15 of 27 June 1981. The main objectives of the fourth country programme are to enhance the Government's institutional capabilities to: (a) mobilize domestic natural, financial and human resources; (b) improve its development processes and the absorptive capacity of the country; and (c) pursue the accelerated and balanced growth of the economy. These objectives are expected to remain relevant during the period of the extension.

2. The Administrator wishes to inform the Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Nepal for a period of one year beginning 1 January 1991.

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